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A J Rudolph, Esq.,

Ass't Librarian, The Newberry Library,

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Dear Sir:

Please accept the inclosed Genealogical Memoranda of Dumont family, with my compliments.

I am endeavoring to organize The Halleian Society (not incorporated) and hope that, in time, I shall be able to obtain, from London, England, and elsewhere, some valuable documents and records pertaining to the Halley family, and to Dr. Edmund Halley (1656-1742), the second Astronomer-Royal of England. May I ask if The Newberry would be willing to become the depository of such valuable documents and records as may be so obtained? They will be of sufficient importance to merit preservation to posterity. Your early reply on this point will be highly appreciated.

With renewed thanks for past courtesies, I remain

Yours, very respectfully,

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Isaac Dumont de Bostaquet,

A Captain in the Glorious Revolution; 1688.

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the rank in the Dutch army that he had before held in that of Louis XIV. When the expedition to England was decided upon, such of the refugee officers as were disposed to join William were invited to send in their names; and De Bostaquet at once volunteered, with numbers more. Fifty of the French officers were selected for the purpose of being incorporated in his two dragoon regiments, red and blue; and De Bostaquet was appointed to a captaincy in the former regiment, of which De Louvigny was colonel."

The following miscellaneous items, relative to the Dumont family, comprise the results of researches made since the publication of "Tales of Our Forefathers," (Albany, N.Y., 1893), to which this pamphlet may be considered as complementary. (x)

The Registers of the French Protestant Church of Threadneedle Street, London; (established about 1546) contain the following marriage notice: (xx)

"Le dimanche 27 Janvier 1599; Isidore fils de Jacques Pinchon natif d'Armentiers et Bastienne du Mont veuve de Lazare Martin native de Valenciennes, furent epousé le dict jour."

The above, translated into English, would read as follows:

"Sunday, January 27th, 1599: Isidore son of the late Jacques Pinchon native of Armentiers, and Bastienne du Mont, widow of Lazare Martin native of Valenciennes, were espoused the same day."

From this we learn that members of Dumont family emigrated to England at an early day.

(x) The same may be said of Dumont genealogies printed in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, during the years 1818 and 1819.

(xx) See "The Hurpenots," by Samuel Smiles, page 466; London, 1898.

The earliest trace of the Dupont or du Mont family, which has come to the knowledge of the compiler, is contained in the following private advice, under date of September 27th, 1898, from A. du Mont, Esq. of Point Clear, Alabama:-

"The du Mont family traces its ancestry back to Fernando del Monte, a Spanish soldier, who in the year 1480 emigrated from Spain to the Spanish Netherlands. The name was changed first to de Mont, afterwards to du Mont. There are now in existence German, Austrian, Belgian, Italian, French and American branches of the family. The du Monts are divided into several branches. I have the genealogical charts of only two of them, starting from the year 1651. The Rhein (Cologne) and Mainz (Mayence); - A history of the du Mont-Schönberg families was published 1868, in Cologne, Germany, and these two Genealogical Charts are contained therein. The American branch is descended from the German Mayence branch. Its founder, Julius William, was one of the pioneer settlers of Lancaster and Dunstable, Fairfield County, Ohio. He was also the founder of the latter from which it was named. The writer is his eldest son, with four sons and one daughter. He is now in the U.S. Volunteer Army, holding commissions as Major and Captain. Another is a resident of Buffalo, N.Y., and has a family. The most distinguished of the German branch is General Alphonse Baron von Montén, 1807-70. He enlisted as a boy, as a private in the Austrian Army, rose to the rank of Major, and married Countess Batthyani, belonging to one of the most powerful families in Hungary. His career was a remarkably successful and romantic one, both as a soldier and diplomat. His son, Imre Baron von Montén, is the author of various scientific works."

The "Catalogue Général de la Librairie Française," Tome Deuxième, pages 201-207, Paris, 1878, contains a paper notice of reference works written by or about the Dupont Family. In the notice described appears the "Mémoires Inédits de Baron de Pestheret."

The "Catalogue Général," Tome Troisième, page 124; Paris, 1880, contains a bibliography entitled: "Ouvrages d'art: les Dupont, (1800-1880)" by A.G.A. Vartier; 1880. 2 fr.

(NOTE:)

A set of the "Catalogue Général de la Librairie Française" will be found in Brentano's Book-store, Chicago, at which place the compiler was courteously permitted to examine it.

Several pedigrees of the family are described in the "Dictionnaire Généalogique des Familles Canadiennes" by l'Abbé Cyprien Tanguay; Montreal, 1887: (C.S.S., pages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.)

"The Huguenots of LaRochelelle," by Louis Belmas, translated by George L. Catlin; New York, 1880, shows in Appendix IX., page 101, a "List of Pastors of the Reformed Church of LaRochelelle," which states that the twenty-second was:

"Sept. 4, 1576, Luc Dumont."

"Armorial Général," Vol. I., second edition, by J.E. Rietstap, Gouda, 1884, describes, on page 574, the coats armorial of twelve members of Dumont or du Mont family, and one of the Dumondé family. Of these we select the following:

"Dumont de Bostaquet -- Horn. De gu. au chev. d'or, acc. de trois têtes de lapin d'arg."

"Dumont -- Lorr. (Arm., 1527.) De gu. à trois bandes d'arg.; au chef d'azur, ch. d'un léopard d'or."

"The Genealogy of the Dimond or Dimon Family," by H.A. Dimond, Albany, N.Y., 1891. See Appendix, pages 133 and 138, for the following items:

"Patronymic Britannica." Lower:

In Parish register, Brenchley County, Kent, there is an entry to the effect that in 1612, John Diamond, son of John Du Mont, the Frenchman, was baptized. The elder Du Mont was a Kentish iron-master, who had settled in that county from France.

H.A. Diamond, M.D., F.S.A.

"The Making of New England." S.A. Drake:

Mentions De Monts, Pierre du Guast, from Saintonge, France. Officer of the King's household. He was a Huguenot, and attempted to plant a colony. Henry IV. granted him a charter in 1604 to all the land now New England, and, also the monopoly of the fur trade. He took one hundred followers, along with Champlain, and landed at Passamaquoddy Bay at Pt. Croix (named Mount Desert), on his first trip, and being unable to stand the winter, broke up in 1605, and went to Port Royal, Nova Scotia.



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 A brief biography of Dumont d'Urville, ~~trix~~ celebrated French navigator, will be found in "Les Grands Hommes de la France: Les navigateurs," by Ed. Gégan and H.-L. Carlier. Fourth edition; Paris, 1901. A copy of this book is in Chicago Public Library. The compiler thereof has made the following abridged translation:

Jules Sébastien César Dumont d'Urville was born at Cordé-en-Noireau, in la Calvados (F.), 23rd May, 1790. He was son of a bailiff of the high-court of justice of that village. In 1793, his father had to make his appearance before the revolutionary tribunal. He was the possessor of a noble fief; and had a certain influence in the country, which was more than enough to cause the issuance of a decree of accusation against him. He was cited as a suspect. The 21st of September, 1793, they made this old man of sixty years come to the bar, accompanied by his wife and their three children. To the questions put to him, he answered:— "My name is Gabriel Charles François Dumont; formerly seigneur of Urville; I am ex-bailiff of Cordé-en-Noireau."

The public prosecutor pretended that he had conspired against the government, and decided upon the infliction of the death penalty. The old man did not defend himself, but his wife, Jeanne Françoise Julie Victorie de Croisille, spoke for him; she found arguments to defend that head so dear, and convincing tones to save it. She was a superior woman, courageous and strongly tempered; like others who were revealed by that troubled epoch.

After the death of the elder Dumont, who survived only a little time after he was given his liberty (1797), his widow established herself at Caen, where her brother, the abbot of Croisilles, completed the education of the young Dumont d'Urville. The latter made rapid progress in his studies. In November, 1807, having chosen for himself the maritime profession, he embarked upon the Aquilon. This was his first step in that career which he was to run so gloriously.

About 1811-16, he married Adèle Hortense Lépin, daughter of a ship-maker of Boulogne.

Dumont d'Urville was the immediate cause of the Venus de Milo being purchased and brought to France; in fact, he, himself, collected that beautiful statue to his native land.

The career of Dumont d'Urville, in the French navy, forms a very interesting story, but one which we are obliged to abridge to a minimum. In December, 1840, he was created a rear-admiral. His death, May 23rd, 1842, was caused by a railroad accident between Versailles and Paris. The town of Cordé-en-Noireau raised in his memory a bronze statue, in 1844, and gave his name to one of its squares and one of its streets.

(5) Normandy of France, formerly a part of the Province of Normandy, in which many members of the Dumont family lived.

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A few mottoes of the Dumont family appear in a "Supplément au Dictionnaire des devises historiques et héraldiques," by Henri Tausin: two volumes, (Paris, 1887.)

Tomé Premier, page 269.

JURAU DOMINI DEI. Dumont de Signéville.

Idem., page 272.

IN LABORE VERA VOLUPTAS. Dumont de Valcajon.

Tomé Second, page 572.

VERA VOLUPTAS IN LABORE. Dumont de Valcajon, chirurgien du Roy. (Idem.)

The mottoes mentioned below contain only a number of historical and genealogical sketches of different members of the Dumont family, principally in France and Switzerland, - the oldest relating to one P. l. Dumont, who, in 1522-1523, was born at Douai, (probably the same as Douay, in the north of France):-

Grand Dictionnaire Universel du XIX^e siècle, by M. Pierre Larousse. Tomé Sixième, pages 1103--1106, Paris 1870.

Idem., Tomé Seizième, Supplément, page 713; Paris, 1870.

Idem., Tomé Dix-septième, page 1107, (Deuxième Supplément.)

La Grande Encyclopédie, Tomé Quinzième, pages 47--51, Paris, no date, but published before the year 1800.

Diccionario Enciclopédico Hispano-Americano, Tomé Sexto, pages 977--979, Barcelona, 1890.

There appears to be strong circumstantial evidence, of a genealogical and chronological nature, to support the theory that the French Dumonts (as well as the German and Swiss Dumonts) descend from the Swiss soldier, named Ferrand (or Ferrandus), who, in the year 1770, came to the Swiss State of Valais, and settled at the first of the name in the town of Yverdon, the west of Geneva, as far as known by researches made there.

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